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OF THE

COUNCIL OF THE RAY SOCIETY,

READ AND ADOPTED AT THE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE APARTMENTS OF THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, BURLINGTON HOUSE, 9TH MARCH, 1922;

PROF. W. C. McINTOSH, M.D., LL.D., D.SC., F.R.S., F.R.S.E., ETC., PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR.

THE Council have to report that although a number of new subscribers were enrolled during the year, the total is still far short of what is required if the work of the Society is to be continued on its present scale. Prof. G. H. Parker, of Harvard University, has been good enough to interest himself in the matter of obtaining additional support for the Society in America, and a letter from him published in 'Science' last November has already brought several new subscribers and a larger number of inquiries. The Council wish to express their gratitude to Prof. Parker for his timely help.

Only one volume has been issued during the year—the fifth and concluding volume of the 'British Freshwater Rhizopoda and Heliozoa,' prepared by Mr. G. H. Wailes, which was issued to subscribers for the year 1918.

The Council much regret that it has not yet been possible to issue the first part of the fourth volume of Prof. McIntosh's 'British Marine Annelids' promised to subscribers for 1920. The whole of the text has been printed, but the lithographer has not completed the elaborate coloured plates. When these are obtained the part will be issued without delay. In addition to the help already acknowledged from the Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland and from the Royal Society, the

Council desire to record with gratitude that generous contributions towards the heavy cost of this work have been promised by the President and by Lord Rothschild, one of the Vice-Presidents. In view of the fact that subscribers will thus be receiving a volume representing far more than the total value of the subscriptions for one year, it has been decided that its price for sale to the public will be not less than £2 10s.

The second part of this volume of the 'British Annelids,' completing the work, is ready for press and will be put in hand immediately for issue to subscribers for 1921. When this is finished it is hoped to take in hand the final volume of West's 'British Desmidiaceæ,' which will form the issue for 1922.

The Council regret to have to record the death, during the year, of two former members of their body, Dr. G. B. Longstaff and Dr. T. A. Chapman, F.R.S.

The Council recommend that Dr. B. Daydon Jackson, Sec.L.S., be elected a Vice-President in place of Prof. Poulton, retiring by seniority; that Prof. E. B. Poulton, F.R.S., Dr. A. Smith Woodward, F.R.S., and Mr. E. T. Browne, F.L.S., be elected members of Council in place of Dr. B. Daydon Jackson, nominated for election as a Vice-President, and Rev. C. R. N. Burrows and Dr. A. B. Rendle, F.R.S., retiring; and that Prof. W. C. McIntosh, F.R.S., Sir Sidney F. Harmer, K.B.E., F.R.S., and Dr. W. T. Calman, F.R.S., be re-elected as President, Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

The thanks of the Society are due to the Council of the Geological Society for continuance of the privilege of holding the meetings in their rooms; and to the Auditors, Mr. C. H. Bestow, Mr. C. D. Soar, Mr. H. Taverner and Mr. J. Wilson.

An account of receipts and expenditure for the year is appended.

The Secretary takes this opportunity of announcing that he has in hand a Treasury note received by post in March, 1921, in payment of a subscription, without any name and without even a postmark to help in identifying the sender. He will be glad if the member who sent it will communicate with him.

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RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF THE RAY SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR 1921.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions received :—						
3 for 1919	3	3	0			
14 for 1920	14	14	0			
242 for 1921	254	2	0			
5 for 1922	5	5	0	—277	4	0
Sales of Publications to Members				20	2	6
Sales of Publications to Non-Members (1920)	301	15	0			
Less Agents' Commission and	£	s.	d.			
Postage	60	18	6			
Advertising	3	13	6			
Removal of Stock	4	10	0	—69	2	0
				—232	13	0
Interest on Investments :—						
£1250 Consols (*less* Income Tax, ½ Year)	26	11	4			
£500 War Loan 5%	25	0	0			
£150 Funding Loan (*less* Tax)	4	4	0	—55	15	4
Income Tax recovered				11	3	4
Grant from Royal Society				50	0	0
Canadian Money Order paid				1	1	0
Sundry receipts (overpaid on subscriptions)				0	3	4
				£648	2	6

Investments :—

Consols	£1250	0	0
4% Funding Stock, 1960–1990	150	0	0
5% War Stock, 1929–1947	500	0	0

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EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Overdraft repaid to Bank				122	1	9
Paid on account of Publications :—						
'*Rhizopoda*,' *Vol. V*—Binding and distributing				48	14	0
'*British Annelids*,' *Vol. IV, Part 1*—Printing, paid to account				300	0	0
Miscellaneous printing				1	9	0
Storekeeper's Salary				12	0	0
Interest on Overdraft				0	10	10
Cheque Book				0	8	4
Deficit on foreign Drafts				0	3	0
Honorarium to Secretary				63	0	0
Postages and sundry expenses				6	3	7
Balance at 31st December on Current Account				93	12	0
				£648	2	6

We have examined the books and accounts of the Ray Society for the year 1921, verified the investments with the Bank, and we hereby certify the same to be correct.

Signed, CHAS. H. BESTOW, CHAS. D. SOAR, H. TAVERNER, J. WILSON } *Auditors.*

30th January, 1922.

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